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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Dear Sir:

A Notice of Appeal was filed on November 5, 2003. Applicant respectfully petitions under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for an Extension of Time of one month to file an Appeal Brief in the above-identified patent application. This will serve to extend the time for filing the Appeal Brief from January 5, 2004, up to and including February 5, 2004. A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is filed herewith in lieu of an Appeal Brief.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, an extension fee of \$55.00 for maintaining the pendency of the present application is required. The Commissioner of Patents is hereby authorized to charge fees to Deposit Account No. 16-0085, Reference No. 25436/1712. A duplicate of this letter is enclosed for that purpose.

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